



# The Holidays are Coming at Reflections of Manatee!

And we have new Opening Hours!

December is fast approaching and we are getting ready to celebrate the holidays and start working on our New Year's resolutions! Reflections will be open to the public again beginning December 4th with our Silent Auction. After that, we will be open Fridays as well as the 1st and 3rd Saturdays each month. And we'll be open over New Year's so bring your out of town guests and show them some great local history.

## New Hours!

Open 1st and 3rd Saturdays beginning December 4th

Open Fridays beginning December 10th

(Closed December 21 - December 27)

We will be open December 31 and January 1

*Tours at other times available by appointment.*

Reflections of Manatee  
presents our

# Tis' the Season Silent Auction

Join us for a fun filled  
afternoon and celebrate  
the holiday season!

Activities include:

- House Tours
- Lawn Games
- Holiday Crafts Sale

**Silent Auction**  
featuring antiques and collectables

Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 am - 2:00pm  
at the  
Reflections of Manatee  
Historic Complex  
1302 4th Ave E,  
Bradenton, FL

For a preview of auction items,  
please visit us on Facebook.

Masks are required inside the museum and are recommended on the grounds.

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SILENT AUCTION and HANDCRAFTS SALE - GET READY FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Sample items below. Check our Facebook page for more auction previews.

### VOLUNTEERS

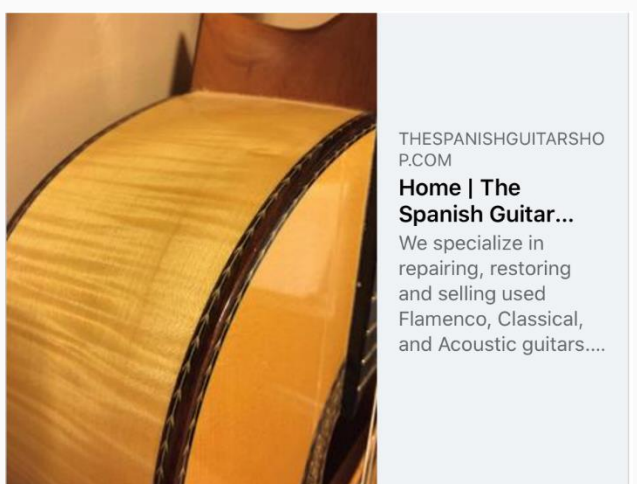
We need volunteers on the 4th to help set up at 9am and put away at 2pm.

If you can help please text 727-858-5506 or email REFLECTIONSOFMANATEE@msn.com.



# Auction and Handcraft Sale Preview

From antique crystal, collector's plates and a custom guitar to gift baskets, stocking stuffers, and modern fan art, there is something for every member of the family.



Pictured: Monopoly Treasure box (Clue box also available), Wexford Punch Bowl with 18 Cups (crystal serving pieces also featured), Spode Christmas plate, Fan Art coasters (many other coaster styles also available), Santa garland (holiday themed items include ornaments and earrings), a Handcrafted Guitar will be one of the highlights of the Silent Auction.



# New Lecture Series!

## The Cosmopolitan Frontier: Cuban Fisherfolk, Freedom Seekers, Seminoles, and Women in Florida



**January 16th, 1:00pm:**

**Jeff Moates: Rancho Connections – Cuban Fishing Ranchos in Florida**

As commercial fleets hailing from ports in Cuba took benefit of fisheries north of the Florida Straits, colonial and territorial frontier politics influenced their operations. Known as Cuban Fishing Ranchos, these places have left an indelible mark on the landscape of Southern Gulf Coast Florida and continue to offer insights of a complicated history. Join us to discuss their operations and contemplate where connections remain.



**February 27th, 1:00pm:**

**Dr. Uzi Baram: Life in the Shadow of Slavery: Freedom Found by the Manatee River**

No one wants to be enslaved and Spanish La Florida offered a haven of freedom. Archaeological excavations have revealed facets of daily life for the maroons of the freedom-seeking community known as Angola by the Manatee Mineral Spring between the 1770s and 1821. Uzi Baram, lead archaeologist, will share the insights from 15 years of research and January 2020 excavations and follow-up laboratory analysis.



**March 19th**

**Dr. Peggy MacDonald: Florida's Female Pioneers**

Dr. Esther Hill Hawks, a female physician, ran the first racially integrated free school in Florida (and probably the nation) after the Civil War. Harriet Beecher Stowe kick-started Florida's tourism industry with her 1873 book, Palmetto Leaves. Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, the first in her family to be born into freedom, became one of the first female college presidents in the world. Betty Mae Tiger Jumper was the first elected female tribal chair of any American Indian tribe in the nation. Dr. Peggy Macdonald examines these women and others who have shaped the Sunshine State.



**April 9th**

**Dave Scheidecker: The Privilege of Remaining**

Within the Seminole War were two long periods of cease-fire, long enough that Americans saw it as three wars. For the Seminole people in Florida the War was an ever present threat coloring the way they lived, and the way they interacted with the American settlers during this time of peace. Attempts were made to broker peace, trade, and even friendship during this time, showed that the return to open war was not inevitable, and why other interests ensured the end of the peace.

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## Membership Benefits

Support Reflections' mission with your membership

Membership renewals are due January 1st.

If you aren't a member of Reflections, please join now to support our mission, museums, and programming. Memberships also make great gifts for family, friends, or students.

Benefits of membership include:

- Discount for attending special events (coming up this spring)
- Invitation to participate in our General Meeting
- Volunteer to be nominated for the Board of Directors

Dues are currently \$15 a year. There are three ways to pay:

1. MAIL a check to the address at the bottom of this newsletter.
2. ONLINE - Use a credit card to pay by PayPal on our website (scroll all the way to the bottom of the home page). [www.reflectionsofmanatee.org](http://www.reflectionsofmanatee.org)
3. IN PERSON - Bring your payment to our December 4th event.

## **General Membership Meeting and Board Nominations**

Coming by Zoom

All members in good standing will receive an invitation to attend our virtual General Membership Meeting in January. Participants will be able to comment and vote.

We will be approving board nominations, introducing our new executive director, and previewing the upcoming year. If you are a member and would like to see documents prior to the meeting, please email a request to [ReflectionsofManatee@msn.com](mailto:ReflectionsofManatee@msn.com).

### **CALL FOR BOARD NOMINATIONS**

Members may nominate themselves or someone else to serve as a board member for a term of 2 years. Submit nominations via email to Reflections' Vice President, Sherry Svekis. [ssvekis@gmail.com](mailto:ssvekis@gmail.com)

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